







## MAINE NEWS.

## OCEAN HOUSE BURNED

**Cape Elizabeth Hotel Destroyed by the Flames.**  
PORTLAND, Dec. 13. The Ocean House at Cape Elizabeth was burned early this morning. The stable and outbuildings were saved. Clayton D. Dresser, the proprietor, was in Boston at the time, but the servants in the house had a close call. The cook escaped from the burning building just in time to save his life. No one in the house had time to dress. The hotel was worth about \$10,000 and insured for \$1,000 on the house and \$5,000 on the furniture. The cause of the fire is unknown.

## RAILROAD ACCIDENT

**On the Sandy River Road.**  
FARMINGTON, Dec. 13. The engine of the night train on the Sandy River Railroad, jumped the track near Russell Bros. & Co's variety mill, and was tipped over and wrecked. The baggage and passenger cars did not leave the track. The cause of the accident is unknown. None were seriously injured. The engineer, of Boston, and others were badly bruised and shaken up. A wrecking train from Phillips came to the rescue.

## FIRE RECORD.

**Serious Blaze in Carthage, N. Y.**  
CARTHAGE, N. Y., Dec. 13. Fire broke out here at 10 o'clock. The flames spread very rapidly and at midnight the fire is still burning fiercely. The loss will be very heavy.

## CANNOT CONTINUE.

**Mr. Whitman Adheres to His Resignation.**  
BOSTON, Dec. 13. Mr. William Whitman, treasurer of the Arlington mills and for the past eight years President of the National Association of Wool Manufacturers resigned that office Oct. 1, last. The committee appointed to act on the resignation unanimously requested Mr. Whitman to reconsider it and serve another year. In a letter to-day he states that while deeply regretting the necessity, reconsideration is impossible as his private affairs demand his undivided attention.

## WILL CONTEST

**Decided in Favor of Defendants—An Appeal Taken.**  
MIDDLETOWN, Conn., Dec. 13. The jury in the superior court to-day in the case of the contest of the will of Erasmus Brainerd, of Portland, Conn., returned a verdict that it was not forged and that no undue influence had been exercised over Brainerd. The will disposed of some \$500,000 worth of property and was contested by Mrs. Frederick Hart, of New York, daughter of the deceased. An appeal was taken.

## BUSINESS MATTERS

## R. G. Dun &amp; Co's Weekly Review of Trade—Business Failure.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13. R. G. Dun & Co's weekly review of trade says: "The shipment of more than \$3,000,000 gold to Europe early this week has caused some natural apprehension in speculative markets. No country could draw gold from the United States unless there were heavy sales of American securities by foreigners. But the conditions of domestic trade are decidedly healthy and the approaching close of the year will find a larger volume of business, both foreign and domestic, than has ever been known before. At Boston, general business is steady, cotton mills we never better employed and the trade in woollens is heavy, while in boots and shoes, business is eminently prosperous."

The business failures occurring throughout the country during the past seven days as reported to R. G. Dun & Co., and E. Russell & Co., the mercantile agency, by telegraph, number for the United States, 276, and for Canada, 25, a total of 301, as compared with the totals of 297 during last week, and 269 during the week previous to last.

Bradstreet's reports 208 business failures in the United States during this week against 313 in the corresponding week of 1891, and 30 in Canada, against 23 in the week a year ago.

## FEDERATION OF LABOR

**Business at Friday's Session.**  
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 13. At to-day's session of the American Federation of Labor convention a proposition to hold a labor congress during the World's Fair was defeated by an overwhelming vote.

A resolution declaring that it is the duty of the Federation to defend trades unions from the attacks of the knights of labor, was adopted. A clause was adopted favoring the support of labor representation in the administrative and legislative departments of National and State governments, and advising the members of the Federation to see that the friends of labor command the militia rather than the friends of capital.

A breeze arose when the committee reported unfavorably on the resolution that the delegates must be workers in the trade which they represent. In support of the resolution delegate Goldwater, of Detroit, charged that men high in the councils of the Federation were subordinating the interests of labor to their own personal advantage.

## THE CURRENCY

## New England Opposition to State Banks

BOSTON, Dec. 13. The Boston Commercial Bulletin will to-morrow publish the results of an extensive correspondence with the members of the New England Congressional delegation on the currency and its future. There is a substantial unanimity in favor of the substitution of more conservative legislation for the act of 1890. As to the future of the currency there is a great division of opinion. As regards State banks, however, both parties in New England seem, in spite of the Chicago platform, to be united. Mr. McKinney, of New Hampshire, favors an amendment to the National banking law rather than the re-establishment of State banks.

Mr. Sperry, of Connecticut, believes the volume of the National currency is large enough for the present, but with few exceptions there is general assent to the enlargement of our currency (contracted by the repeal of the Sherman act) by an amendment of the National banking law, rather than through State banks. This view is shared even by such political opponents as Messrs. Coffey and Morse, of this State. Some Congressmen, Mr. Walker among them, agree that "tax on circulation is so far as the tax on National bank circulation is concerned, is general."

The recommendation of the Comptroller

## Talk is Cheap and Democrats Multiply Words.

## But They are Very Lethal to Redeem Their Pledges.

BOSTON, Dec. 13. The annual dinner of the New England Tariff Reform League was held at the American House. President Henry L. Pierce was the presiding officer. The speakers were Hon. Charles S. Fairchild, Secretary of the Treasury under Cleveland, Hon. Harvey M. Shepard, Josiah Quincy and William H. Rice. Covers were laid for about 325. An hour and a half was spent in discussing the menu.

Soon after eight o'clock President Pierce called the meeting to order and made a brief introductory speech. He closed by introducing as the first and chief speaker of the evening Mr. Fairchild, who, he said, had as Secretary of the Treasury, won the entire confidence of the business community, and would speak, not as a politician, but as a practical business man who solely desired to aid in solving the present problem in a way that would best promote the business interests of the country.

Mr. Fairchild alluded to the necessity of continued efforts in the interest of tariff reform and eloquently spoke on the money question. Our business friends, he said, have built up an artificial system, whereby the business of this country is held up above its natural conditions. They have deliberately produced that condition of things. They desired to maintain it, and even to aggravate it and their stability was dependent on each preceding election. Instead of seeking to do the one thing requisite to the maintenance of the system, the thorough education of the people as to the wisdom of such laws, they have sought to divert their minds in every possible way from consideration of their true subject.

Another thing. They have formed a habit, begun four years ago, of contributing vast sums of money to buy elections. It is useless to deny that Democrats are equally guilty with Republicans in attempts to corrupt elections, but heretofore it has been done under the excitement of the canvass. But within these last few years the business men who desire stability in business have contributed of the gains which came to them, as they supposed through the government, for the hardly concealed purpose of buying elections.

We have seen these successful men deliberately contributing of their substance to undermine the foundations of society, to do that which not only could not make their business and property safe, but which rendered unsafe the business and property of everybody in this country. Had this party, supported by such means, not been overthrown, all that has been said of us as a people in the past would be untrue.

Mr. Fairchild strongly advocated the State bank system, he said. There is no more statesmanship, there is no more sense in depriving the people of one of the most useful devices of modern times, because some one may sometimes lose by it, than there is in depriving them of the other forms of commercial success. In face of the vast usefulness of a good bank note circulation which will pass from hand to hand readily, but not a legal tender, it is an imbecility for this American people to lie down and say they cannot do that and they won't do it.

Something must be done before long. We cannot go on under this idea of government bolstering the money credit, without coming to trouble, which I believe will equal any that we have had in the past in a business way.

## MR. BLAINE'S CONDITION.

**His Son Says He Is Better.**  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 13. There are many disquieting reports on the street this evening regarding Mr. Blaine's condition, but James G. Blaine, Jr., announces that his father is better. Mr. Blaine's physician refuses to answer questions as to whether his patient is better or worse. This letter has just been given to the press.

## SEVENTEEN JACKSON PLACE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 13, 1890. Mrs. Blaine, in answer to many letters of anxious inquiry, sent her, on the subject, asks me to state that there is not the slightest truth in the report that Mr. Blaine has entered the Roman Catholic church, and that nothing could be further from his thought or intention. It should be needless to state that Father Ducey has never been at the house.

(Signed) JAMES G. BLAINE, JR.

## FOREIGN NEWS.

## An Immense Total of Deaths from Cholera.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 13. The final official statistics of the cholera epidemic in Russia have just been issued. According to these figures there has been 130,417 deaths from European, and 136,343 deaths from Asiatic cholera since the outbreak of the disease in the Empire, making a total of 266,760 deaths.

## The Panama Canal Scandal

PARIS, Dec. 13. An yet no warrant has been issued for the arrest of Ferdinand de Lesseps. The prosecution of Charles de Lesseps, Fontaine and Sau Leroy will be entirely distinct from the others. An enormous quantity of documents has been seized. So great was the number that fourteen vans were required to transport them. The evening papers assert that four more important arrests are imminent. It is reported that the government will ask the Chamber of Deputies to authorize the prosecution of a number of its members.

## Panama Investigation Committee Will Not Resign

PARIS, Dec. 13. The Panama investigating commission met to-day and after a lengthy discussion of the situation unanimously decided not to resign.

## Sentencing Cholera Victims.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 13. The four leaders of the cholera riots have been sentenced by a court martial to death. Eight others were sentenced to imprisonment with hard labor.

## Committed to Prison

PARIS, Dec. 13. The arrested Panama canal directors, when arraigned protested their innocence. They were committed to the Mazas prison.

## FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

## Monetary Questions.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13. Money active, 5 per cent; Prime mercantile paper 5 per cent; Sterling exchange weaker, 4.88 1/2 for 60 day bill; 4.30 demand; Government bonds steady; Railroad bonds lower.

STOCKS.	N. Y. C. & St. L.	100
American Express	110	100
Central Pacific	37 1/2	100
Ches. & Ohio	37 1/2	100
Chicago & Alton	37 1/2	100
Ill. Central	37 1/2	100
Chic. & N. W.	37 1/2	100
Del. & D. C.	37 1/2	100
Del. & E. C.	37 1/2	100
Del. & N. J.	37 1/2	100
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## Secures Control of the Connecticut River Railroad.

## The New York, New Haven and The Chinese Government

## Hartford Outgeneral.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Dec. 13. Probably the greatest railroad deal of recent years so far as western Massachusetts is concerned was consummated last night and to-day, as published on Wednesday. The New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad last Tuesday secured from the directors of the Connecticut River Railroad their consent to lease that road, the idea being eventually to make it a portion of a consolidated system. It was presumed by the public, and in fact by a very large majority of railroad people that this settled the matter the only thing necessary being the ratification of the directors by the stockholders of the Connecticut River Railroad.

A bomb was thrown into financial circles in this city this morning when it was reported that the Boston & Maine interest had secured an option, or purchased over 11,000 shares of the Connecticut River stock out of a total capitalization of \$2,580,000. This made it necessary to secure only a few hundred shares, and at it took a two thirds vote of the stockholders of the Connecticut River to lease that road, it seems to effectually prevent the lease of the road to the New York, New Haven and Hartford in any event.

The friends of the Boston & Maine deal claim either that the Boston & Maine has secured the par shares necessary in addition to those already secured in order to give them a controlling interest, or that there will be no trouble in getting them.

**The Report Confirmed.**  
BOSTON, Dec. 13. Banker F. H. Prince, of this city, confirms the report that he has bought a controlling interest in the stock of the Connecticut River railroad in the interest of the Boston & Maine and New York & New England roads. The stock was purchased for about \$310 per share and for cash.

Lee, H. H. & Co. are also identified with the deal which was consummated at 2.45 p. m. to-day. As high as \$315 was paid for some of the stock.

**Invests \$1,300,000.**  
SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Dec. 13. The 4,000 shares of Connecticut River Railroad stock taken from this vicinity by the Boston & Maine Company will cost the latter company over \$1,300,000. There is a general satisfaction among the inhabitants of this city over the fact that the Boston & Maine has gotten control instead of the New York, New Haven & Hartford. It is believed that this move will hasten the connection of Central Massachusetts with Western Connecticut.

## A NEW BISHOP.

**Rev. Samuel H. Walls Consecrated as Bishop of Diocese of Spokane.**  
NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 13. The consecration of Rev. Samuel H. Walls as Bishop of the Diocese of Spokane, Washington, took place in Trinity Episcopal church to-day. Nine Bishops and about fifty clergymen from this and other New England dioceses were present.

## CLEVELAND'S CASH

## City Trying to Recover Funds Stolen From It.

There arrived in Boston Thursday afternoon some gentlemen from Cleveland, O., who are on a visit which is of vast importance to the well known Axworthy case.

These gentlemen are Mr. A. C. Dustin, who represents one of the first term bondsmen; Mr. William L. Rice, who represents some of the first term bondsmen and Axworthy; Judge Williamson, who represents some of the bondsmen; Mr. J. M. Henderson, who acts on behalf of some of the first term bondsmen and the Board of Education; Mr. Andrew S. Squire, who represents some of the third term bondsmen, and Mr. Edward S. Meyer, City Counsel for Cleveland.

They registered at Young's Hotel, where they are now stopping. The object of their visit is to obtain a deposition from Mr. Charles H. Watkins, who was the Assistant Treasurer of Cleveland under Thomas Axworthy during that gentleman's first term, from April, 1883, to April, 1889.

The treasuryship of Cleveland was during that time considered as almost a nominal position, a salary of \$2,000 being paid per year, while the chief clerk did about all the work. The Treasurer's expenses were generally in excess of this sum. In fact, sometimes running as high as \$4,000.

Axworthy held the office from 1883 to the fall of 1885, when he suddenly left for Canada, leaving a deficit amounting to something like \$300,000. Of this sum a large amount was found in the banks and turned over to the city. Axworthy turned his estate over to trustees for the benefit of the city, as did also his wife her estate. Then he restored something like \$123,000 in London, Ont., to some of his bondsmen, so that his defalcation now reaches about \$200,000 without interest.

According to a statute of Cleveland, it is considered embezzlement for a city official to place any of the city's money in a bank. This offense was generally winked at. It 1883 the State Legislature passed a law requiring that the Treasurers of all municipalities should advertise the city's moneys to be given to the bank which offered the largest interest.

This law did not give Axworthy time to get his money ready, although the city warrants for money were always honored. There was nothing left to do but ship, and he went to England and later to Canada, in which latter place he still resides.

As Axworthy was also treasurer for the Board of Education, matters were somewhat mixed. Then it was charged that Axworthy had embezzled all of the city's money because of the peculiar deposit law. Then the first-term bondsmen tried to throw the responsibility upon the second term bondsmen, and the second term bondsmen tried in turn to throw it upon the third men, and they in turn are endeavoring to place it anywhere so long as it was taken off their own shoulders.

The city of Cleveland sued the bondsmen in three separate suits. Those cases are still untied. Then the Board of Education sued the city of Cleveland, and about a year ago the city sued the bondsmen for the three different terms in one general allegation.

It so happens that the gentlemen whose names are attached to the different bonds, are each able to pay the deficiency if they wanted to. As will be seen, the case is a very much mixed one.

Axworthy alleges that his third term bondsmen, (ex-United States Senator Henry B. Payne and Mr. J. H. Wade) made an agreement with him in London, whereby he turned over all his property, personal and real, to them for the benefit of the deficiency. The parties of the first part, he alleges, agreed to make good the deficiency, he agreeing to repay them the sum in difference within ten years. An agreement to this effect was drawn up in writing and signed by the parties concerned.

Now, the deficiency has not been made good and hence, row is still in progress. It was rumored that a settlement might be soon made by the third term bondsmen in the near future. Whatever truth there may be in the rumor could not be learned.

It is in the last case brought by the city of Cleveland against the bondsmen that the deposition of Mr. Watkins is to be used. Mr. Watkins has been in Boston for two months past, stopping in Medford with his wife. He is engaged in business somewhere near Public Col.

The defendants yet to have been taken

## PRINCETON, Pa., Dec. 13.

concerted movement has been the Chinese of the United States the Chinese exhibition act. The plans of resistance have been upon. The constitutionality of will first be tested. The Oriental New York will try to arouse sympathy through mass meetings, process will be flooded with petitions, the Chinese government will in case of failure retaliation will there will be no recourse to a there will be an abrogation rights. All commercial comm will be shut off and the govern cease protection to the 1,500 merchants and several hundred aries now in China.

## HUNG HENRIKSEN

**A Well Known Citizen's Son.**  
BOSTON, Dec. 13. J. Walter, aged 51, of Milton, a leading that town, was found hanging the woods at Mattapan to-day, addressed to his wife read: "My may read. God bless you and for what I have done." Mr leaves a wife and six children.

## BIDS FOR THE CRAMPS

## Cramps' Figures the Lowest

The Cramps, of Philadelphia secure the contract for building ship Iowa and the armored cruiser apolis, for which bids were Secretary Tracy's office at noon in the presence of the leading ship of the country.

There were several reasons opening was fraught with m passing interest.

These conditions led to a sharp tion, and the bidding was re close, especially when the totals into consideration. All the am posed by the bidders were m than the department's estimates, highest bids are regarded as with

The bid of the Cramps for the according to the department pl \$3,010,000. The bid on the same according to plans which would a vessel a reproduction of the Indi \$3,370,000. This was the low third bid on the Iowa was \$3.1 amount, and provided for a ship quadruple-expansion, instead o expansion, engines called in de tal plans.

The Cramps' bid on the cruise ing to the department plans was 000. The bid making the Mi identical with the New York was 000. The bid providing for qu expansion engines was \$3.08 amount.

The constructors and engineer department must now decide on five merits of the Cramps' plant, department specifications.

Any one of the bids of the C acceptable in point of price, and tion narrows down to whether or advisable to spend the extra m involved in getting quadruple e engines for the new ships. It thought the department will di later plans for battleships and ci fall back on the plans for the N and Indiana, good as those ships posed to be.

The other bids on the armored were Union Iron works, \$3,050 partment's plans; Bath (Me works, \$3,150,000 (bidder's plans port News (Va.) Ship Company, \$ (department's plans).

The other bids on the battle-h Union Iron works, \$3,150,000 men's plans; Bath (Me.) Iron \$3,185,000 (department's plans port News (Va.) Ship Company, 000 (department's plans).

I. N. Scott, of the Union Iron who came all the way from the coast to bid, showed as little di ment on his face as there was on of Charles or Edward Cramp. them saw Secretary Tracy after t ing.

The latter told Mr. Scott he v the law did not permit him to sen the ships to the Pacific coast, a was a general feeling that had gone to a Western firm it might h ulated Western Congressmen to behalf of the navy.

The award of the contract will made for a week or more.

## Our Own Folks and Other F

Mr. F. S. Lyman, of Augusta, i city.

Mr. L. W. Trask, of Springfield the city yesterday.

Mr. F. H. Lord, of Ellsworth, the city yesterday.

Mr. C. E. Robinson, of Sherma the city yesterday.

Mr. H. J. Hathaway, of Hoult the city on business.

Mr. G. R. Campbell, of Ellswor in the city yesterday.

Mr. W. S. Skinner, formerly of t is in town on business.

Mr. D. S. White, of Lewiston, the city yesterday on a business tr

Miss Grace Nutter is home from ley College to pass the Christma tion.

Miss Grace Halsey is visiting he Miss Gertrude Halsey, at Coll versity.

Dr. John T. Huch, Mr. George rows and Mr. Prescott Keyes, of B bor, are in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Butterfi Mrs. S. H. White, of Lincoln Cente in the city yesterday.

Mr. F. A. H. Stackpole, of Kend the efficient correspondent of THE was in the city yesterday.

Mrs. Philo A. Strickland gave pleasant whilst party yesterday at her home on Broadway.

Hon. D. F. Davis left yesterday ing for a business trip to the scene lumbering operations in the north of the State.

Miss J. Mabel Sweetser, of Sea who has been visiting her aunt, M H. Thompson, on Sixth street, t turned home.

Mr. Willard Benson, traveling ger agent of the Canadian Pacific way Company, was in the city yes and went to Portland on business.

Invitations were issued yesterd Hon. E. B. Halsey and Mrs. Halsey a dancing party to occur at Societ on Thursday evening, December 20

## New Advertisements.

C. A. Smith's advertisement same as



**United** We are indebted to Almon H. Fogg & Co., of Houlton, for a neat calendar of 1898.

**will Re-** The Bangor young men who are students at Bowdoin College returned at evening to pass the Christmas vacation.

**A strong** The steamer Lewiston arrived at Wintorport Thursday night and came up the river yesterday morning to this port leaving at the usual hour.

**to be** Mr. Abner Dean left yesterday for the New Hampshire woods with fifty woodsmen, who will work for one of the big lumbering concerns in that State.

**and** I. S. Johnson, Esq., left yesterday for Weathersfield, Conn., where he was called by the death of his sister, Mrs. Harriet Sargent, which occurred yesterday morning.

**will** Next week will be a very lively one socially, as about every afternoon will be occupied with tea and whist and the evenings with receptions, dances and whist.

**nd Act.** The Unitarian Club will have its second meeting at A. O. U. W. Hall next Monday evening. After a short entertainment and papers by different members, supper will be served.

**Bradley,** Treasurer H. W. Blood, of the Bangor and Aroostook Company, made his usual monthly trip over the line yesterday for the purpose of distributing the pay of the employees of the company.

**in Meck** Arrangements are being made for an entertainment for the Sunday school of Grace church, at the vestry on the evening of Monday, December 26th, and it will be made an attractive event.

**da, will** The return dance for the "Ghost Party" at City Hall will be given at Society Hall, Nichols block, on the night of December 28th, and Pullen's Orchestra will furnish music. The invitations will be issued next week.

**why the** The funeral of the late Mrs. Nancy A. Rand occurred yesterday afternoon at her late residence, No. 70 Center street. Rev. J. M. Frost, pastor of the First M. E. church, officiated and the Universalist choir rendered several appropriate selections.

**comple-** The Andover Review for November contains the address delivered by Professor Samuel Harris at the centennial celebration of the incorporation of Washington Academy at East Machias, last August. It is entitled "The Five L's in Education."

**second-** The alarm from box 65 yesterday morning was caused by a slight fire at the residence of Mr. Samuel Mason, on Center street. The detachment was promptly on the spot, but its services were not needed, the blaze having been extinguished by water thrown from pails.

**oneapolis** Dockade's Minstrels, which appeared at the Opera House to-night, come from Augusta, where they appeared last night. The company will go Monday to Waterville. Yesterday's Portland papers speak in terms of praise of the show, the company having appeared there Thursday night.

**ardruple** Invitations are out for the forty-seventh annual convention of the Zeta Psi College Fraternity, which will be held at the Parker House, Boston, on Wednesday and Thursday, December 28th and 29th. The Colby and Bowdoin Chapters of the fraternity will probably send delegates from Maine.

**3,147,000** The many friends of Mr. John H. Jarvis will extend their sympathy upon the death of his wife, which occurred Thursday night. There were prayers at the family residence on Essex street yesterday afternoon at three o'clock. Rev. G. W. Field, D. D., officiating. The burial will occur at Castine next Sunday.

**l, was in** At the meeting of the gentlemen interested in the formation of a whist club, the following officers were elected: President Henry M. Prentiss; secretary J. P. Walker; treasurer John R. Mason. The same gentlemen were chosen an executive committee. The rooms to be occupied by the club in Nichols block will be ready in about a week.

**l, was in** It was intended to open the skating rink in front of Maplewood Park to-day, it having been flooded and all other arrangements made, but the weather has not been sufficiently cold and it will not be opened until next week. The rink covers two acres and it has been nicely arranged. Many skaters will, without doubt, visit it when it is ready for use.

**th, was** Our business streets begin to show the signs of activity that betoken a large Christmas trade. The stores have been arranged in a most attractive manner and Santa Claus will have no difficulty in finding such choice and useful presents as he may desire to distribute to old and young alike. Yesterday the stores were full of people looking about and making purchases.

**was in** The Boston Stars composed of Miss Marion Osgood, solo violinist; Miss Viola Morrill, soprano; Miss Edith Florence Bickford, reader and piano soloist; and Mr. Dudley H. Prescott, the humorist, are to give an entertainment at Y. M. C. A. Hall on the evening of December 26th, under local management, and there will doubtless be a large attendance, as the company is highly spoken of.

**asked,** At the meeting of the United Fellowship last evening the following pleasing musical and literary programme was given and was much enjoyed by all present: Piano duet, Messrs. Colson and Savage; reading, Miss Louise Tozier; banjo duet, Mrs. Godfrey and Mrs. Nickerson; recitation, Miss Gilbert; song, Mr. Wheeler; harmonica solo, Mr. Wadleigh; recitation, Miss Patten; remarks by Supreme Director Nickerson and Grand Director Gregory; banjo duet, Mrs. Godfrey and Mrs. Nickerson.

**passen-** In another column appears the advertisement of the eighth annual ball of the Firemen's Relief Association, which will be held at The Noromberg on Friday night, December 30th, and the usual large attendance and pleasant event may be expected. The ball will be preceded by an orchestral concert, after which will occur a tug-o-war, open to Bangor firemen only, the prize being a gold medal valued at \$15. All entries should be made to J. S. O'Leary, and all communications should be addressed to him before Friday.

The following generous offer from one of Bangor's leading market men will be highly appreciated by the noble women, who as directors and members of the Associated Charities, meet annually such ample provision for a Christmas dinner for the deserving poor of our city. The proposition will doubtless be responded to by the other market men of the city and, we hope, to an extent which will add half a ton, at least, to the poultry provision which will be so generously distributed, to make the many homes happy, on the coming Christmas. Who will be the first to respond to the offer?

We make the following proposition to the other market men of Bangor and which if they are agreeable will make many a home happy for Christmas. We will be one to give to the distributing committee on last Xmas dinner one hundred pounds of good nice turkeys and if any firm wants to make the amount more we will give equally as much.

Respectfully,  
OSCAR A. FICKETT.  
P. S.—Turkeys delivered at request of committee.

# OBITUARY.

**Henry George Hill, Esq.**

We regret to hear of the death, on the 23rd of November, of Henry George Hill, Esq., formerly in business in this city. Mr. Hill was the son of the late Henry Hill, Esq., and was born in Exeter in this State in 1822. As a young man, he was in business with the late Hon. Silas Hatch and later with Mr. T. C. Farris. In 1855 he went to New York, and also did business while in Iowa. In 1875 he removed to Rosario, in the Argentine Republic, South America, and engaged in an extensive flouring mill and the exportation of wheat.

He was successful in business and returned to this country several times. He spent the summer of 1889 in this city, and expressed the intention of closing his large manufactory, hoping to spend his last years in this country, fixing the time of the Chicago Fair for his return. His many friends in this city will be pained to learn of his death, which occurred suddenly.

Mr. Hill was married in 1866 to Mrs. Julia Beach, of New York, who survives him. He leaves no children. His sisters, Mrs. Charles Hight of this city, Mrs. Aaron Babb of Denver, Colorado, and one brother, T. H. Hill of Chicago, survive him. All who met Mr. Hill during his visits here, were delighted with his genial manner, and he had many warm friends, both in England, and this country.

# BUSINESS MEETING

**Of the Bangor Driving Association.**

The Bangor Driving Association held a meeting last evening in the Common Council room, City Hall building, and President F. W. Hill was in the chair.

The rate of membership fee was determined upon and it was decided to have the tickets out by Tuesday or Wednesday of next week. Membership tickets will entitle the holder to admission to the races free.

The work on the Maplewood track will be begun to-day and it will be so arranged that when a sufficient amount of snow for sleighing comes it will be in the best possible condition. Outside of the track where the racing will occur will be a driveway for spectators and pleasure riders.

When the track is ready for use it will be opened with a race for which good purses will be offered.

All funds that are left in the treasury at the close of the races will be used for a carnival and it is hoped to make that event an interesting one.

# GRACE CHURCH FAIR.

**About Two Hundred Dollars Realized**

The fair at Grace church vestry which began Thursday closed yesterday under very successful circumstances. During the afternoon the sale of fancy and useful articles continued and there was such an extensive demand that when the sale closed the choice stock had been depleted to the gain of both sellers and buyers.

From 5.30 to 7.30 a delicious supper was served and at eight the following musical and literary programme was finely given: Flauto duet, Mrs. Jewell and Miss Curtis; selection by a quartette composed of Mrs. M. E. Bragg, Mrs. W. L. Miller, Dr. B. B. Winslow and Mr. A. B. Patten; reading, Mrs. Persson; selection by quartette; violin duet, Masters Hardy and Wing; song, Miss Currie; song, "Good Night," Miss Persson received a double encore and Masters Hardy and Wing an encore.

After the programme the remainder of the time was passed socially. Mrs. W. L. Miller deserves much credit for arranging the entertainment. The sum of about \$200 was realized from the fair and the ladies all well feel pleased at the success of their efforts.

# ARRANGEMENTS

**Dockade's Minstrels**

This favorite company will appear at the Opera House to-night. The sale of seats is already large, and those intending to go to the show will consult their comfort by securing their tickets during the day.

The programme is entirely new, and is claimed by Manager Chapman to be exceptionally strong in every particular. Blockson and Burns, described as "The Matchless Monarchs of Mirth," are now with Lew Dockade's Minstrels. They have scored a big hit in their new laugh sketch which they are pleased to call "Zoonaballism."

The company will make a street parade at noon.

# Bowdoin College Notes.

The fall term of Bowdoin College closed Friday and the students have left for their homes to pass the Thanksgiving vacation. The winter term will begin on January 3d. The present week has been devoted to examinations. The fall term is the longest of the year.

Prof. L. A. Lee has recently been giving illustrated lectures in different parts of the State.

It is understood that the present prices of rooms in Maine Hall, which has lately been entirely refitted, are to be made lower. This is pleasant news to the students.

The Bangor General Hospital was organized as a corporation yesterday, the business being accomplished at the Eastern Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary rooms. The following officers were elected:

Charles Hamlin, president, William H. Simmons, vice-president, Charles H. Bartlett, secretary, Everett T. Nealey, treasurer, William E. Baxter, William H. Simmons, William C. Mason, Walter L. Hunt and Everett T. Nealey, directors, Charles Hamlin and Charles H. Bartlett, trustees.

The members of the corporation are William E. Baxter, William H. Simmons, William C. Mason, Walter L. Hunt, Everett T. Nealey, Nathan C. Ayer, Joseph F. Snow, Charles Hamlin and Charles H. Bartlett.

The purposes of the corporation are charitable and benevolent, and for the establishment of a hospital for the treatment of medical and surgical cases and to carry on the hospital which has been successfully conducted by the above named directors during the past six months, on State street in the property known as the "Mace House." The project will receive the aid of Bangor citizens.

# Sunday Services.

Independent Congregational Society (Unitarian). Rev. S. C. Beach, pastor. Morning service at 10.30 A. M. To-morrow will be Rallying Day at Grace church Sunday school. A full attendance of all members is expected.

The ladies of the Crusade will have charge of the devotional services at the rail Sunday morning. Services commence promptly at 9 o'clock.

Crookville Chapel—Preaching service at 2.30, Sunday school at the close of preaching service; prayer meeting at 7.30 P. M. All are welcome.

The usual Gospel temperance meeting will be held in the Crusade parlors, Franklin street, Sunday evening at seven o'clock. All are cordially invited.

First Baptist Church, seats free. Worship, 10.30, sermon by Rev. G. W. Field; Sunday School at 12, Young People's meeting at 6.30; prayer meeting at 7.30. All made welcome.

Young Men's Christian Association—At 9.15 A. M., a meeting (at Grace M. E. church) for men only, at 1.30, deaf mutes' Bible class; at 2.45 P. M., song and gospel meeting. All men invited.

Essex street Free Baptist church pastor, Rev. C. E. Mason—Worship and preaching, 10.30; Sunday school, 12; Young People's A. C. F. meeting, 6.15; general gospel meeting, 7.00. Seats free. All invited.

Orono—St. John's Universalist church N. S. Hill, pastor. Divine service at 10.30 A. M., "The Old Religion in New Form"; Sunday school at 12 M.; St. John's Guild at 7.15 P. M., conducted by the pastor. Public cordially invited.

Universalist Church—Rev. E. F. Pender pastor, 10.30 A. M., preaching by the pastor, 12 o'clock, Sunday school, 6.30 P. M., young people's prayer meeting, 7.00, "Loyalty to the Highest," 7.30 P. M., lecture on "The Commandments."

The Armada Reform Club will hold its regular gospel temperance meeting in its hall in Stetson block Sunday at 10.15 o'clock. Mr. Baty will have charge, also at 7.30 o'clock in the evening there will be good speaking and singing. Mrs. Kane organist. All are invited.

St. John's Episcopal church, Rev. John McGraw Foster, rector. Celebration of the Holy communion, 9 A. M., Morning service, 10.30 A. M.; Sunday school, 12, special service of song with address to young men by the Rector, under the auspices of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, at 4 P. M.

The Orpheus Club will play at the people's praise service Sunday evening at the First Parish Church. Mrs. Nelson and Mr. Gordon will sing. There will also be a duet for violin and flute and selections by the choir. Praise service as usual led by orchestra, organ and choir. Service begins promptly at 7.

First Congregational church, Broadway, Rev. Charles H. Cutler, pastor—Seats free. 10.30, worship, sermon by Rev. David L. Yale; 11.50, Bible school; 1.00 sharp, People's praise service for all having no church home; full orchestra, address by Rev. D. L. Yale; 8.00, meeting of the Y. P. C. E. All are welcome.

First M. E. Church, corner Pine and Somerset streets—Rev. J. M. Frost, pastor. Morning service at 10.30 with sermon by the pastor; Sabbath school at 12; Junior Endeavor Society at 4; Y. P. S. C. E. meeting at 6; general praise and prayer service at 7 P. M. Strangers and the public generally cordially invited.

Advent Christian church, corner Centre and Cumberland streets; Elder J. F. Clothier, pastor; prayer meeting at 10 A. M.; Sunday school at 11.45 A. M.; preaching by the pastor at 2.30 P. M., subject, "What we believe." Revival service at 7 P. M., subject, "The certainty of judgment." All are cordially welcome.

Central church—Rev. E. B. Barry, pastor. At 10.30 A. M., preaching service by pastor, subject, "The Mechanical Revelations"; Sunday school at 12 M.; Young People's meeting at 6.45; At 7.30 P. M., lecture by the pastor especially for young men. Subject, "Property Rights and Means." The Apollo Quartette will sing.

Grace M. E. church, Rev. H. E. Foss, pastor—10.30, sermon by the pastor, 12 M., Sunday school, Rallying Day; 6.15, Y. P. S. C. E.; 7.30, song service and prayer meeting. The Choir Boys will sing "Ring the Bells of Heaven" at the morning service. Dr. Winslow will sing. At 9.15 a meeting for young men in the vestry under the direction of the Y. M. C. A.

Hammond street Congregational church, Rev. Henry L. Griffin, pastor—10.30, preaching by the pastor. He is very anxious to see all the members of the congregation present. A matter of special moment is to be presented. 11.45, Sunday school; 6.45 Young People's meeting; 7.30, evening service. A special service to which all are invited. Strangers and those having no church home are specially invited to all services.

Marine Sculptor Chascon. The model of the Maine sculptor.

A large number of the friends of Miss Ladd, the missionary to Van, Turkey, and members of the Hammond street parish, attended a reception given in her honor last evening at the church parlor and many cordial greetings were extended to her.

The guests were received by Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. George Webster, Miss Ladd and Mr. H. M. Allen, and the evening was very pleasantly passed in conversation. The parlor, which is a very attractively arranged room, was handsomely decorated with flowers, palms, etc.

During the reception the music on the pianoforte by several skilled players present added to the pleasure of the occasion. Delicious refreshments were served during the evening. The hours of the reception were from 7.30 to 9 and the time passed very enjoyably all being glad of the opportunity to meet socially Miss Ladd who has done such effective missionary work in Turkey.

# Associated Charities.

The regular meeting of the Associated Charities will be held at the Common Council room this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

All are cordially invited to attend the meetings of this society, which are held on the first and third Saturdays of each month.

As may be seen by Art. III of the constitution, published below, any person may become a member by the payment of twenty-five cents annually.

Art. III—The society shall consist of a board of directors, officers and visitors. His Honor the Mayor, the overseers of the poor, the chief of police and the health officers.

Any person may become a member by the payment of twenty-five cents annually.

Art. IV—The pastors of all the churches, the leaders of all circles of Young People's and the officers of benevolent and industrial organizations shall be honorary members; also such other persons as the board may elect in consideration of their knowledge of and interest in charitable and sanitary reform.

# Charged With Smuggling Potatoes

Thursday afternoon a case was called in the United States District Court before Judge Welch that of Patrick Finnegan, of Aroostook, charged with smuggling potatoes, granitic across the border says the Portland Press. It seems that Finnegan lives on the line, his buildings being located on one side and his farm on the other. He is charged by the government that Finnegan has made a great portion of his wealth by shipping potatoes across the border without paying the necessary duties.

Thursday afternoon only one witness has been on the stand at the time the court adjourned. This Deputy Collector Jukes, of Houlton, who described the location of the buildings and shipments that had taken place between August 1, 1889, and the spring of 1890 to which time the government confined its case. The case will be resumed this morning. District Attorney Foss appears for the government and Benjamin Thompson, Esq., for Finnegan. As the case develops much interesting evidence is expected.

# Dedicatory Exercises

All our citizens are most cordially invited to attend the dedicatory exercises of the Young Men's Christian Association building Monday evening. On account of the room only adults will be admitted. The fact that Dr. Field will deliver the address will fill the house.

The programme will be as follows: Singing, Apollo Quartette; dedicatory prayer, Rev. G. B. Blake; singing, Quartette; historical address, President J. G. Blake, speaking over the Revs. J. G. Clark, chairman of the building committee; singing, Quartette; address, Rev. G. W. Field, D. D.; singing, audience closing prayer, Prof. J. S. Sewall.



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